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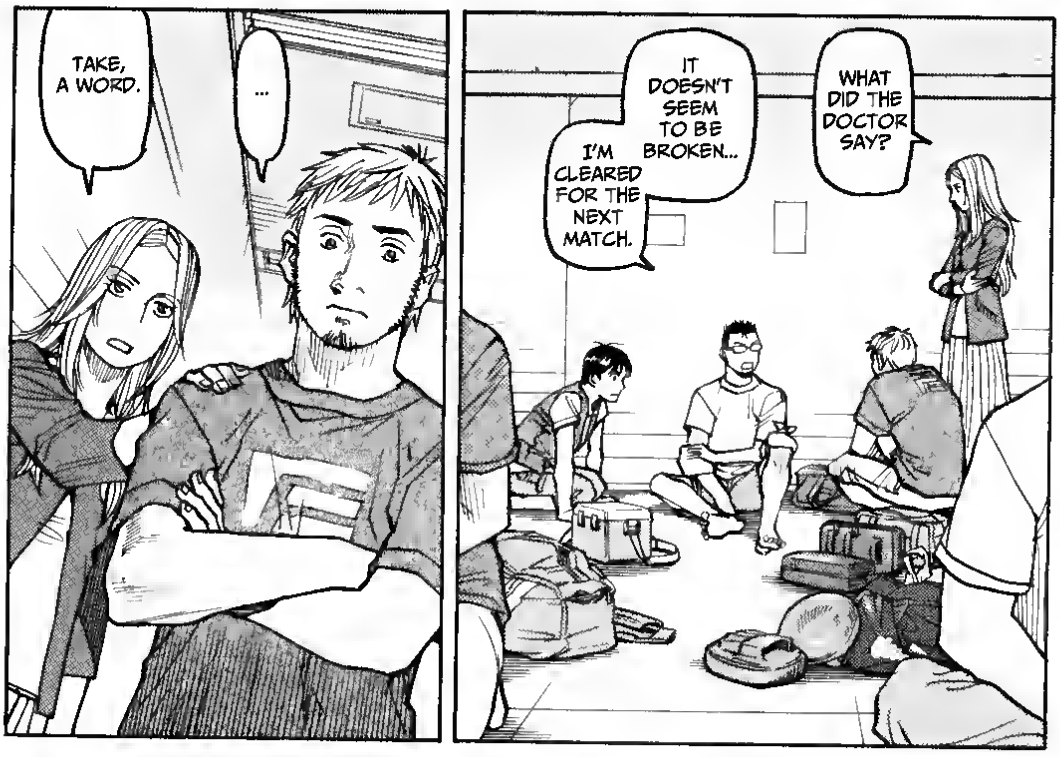
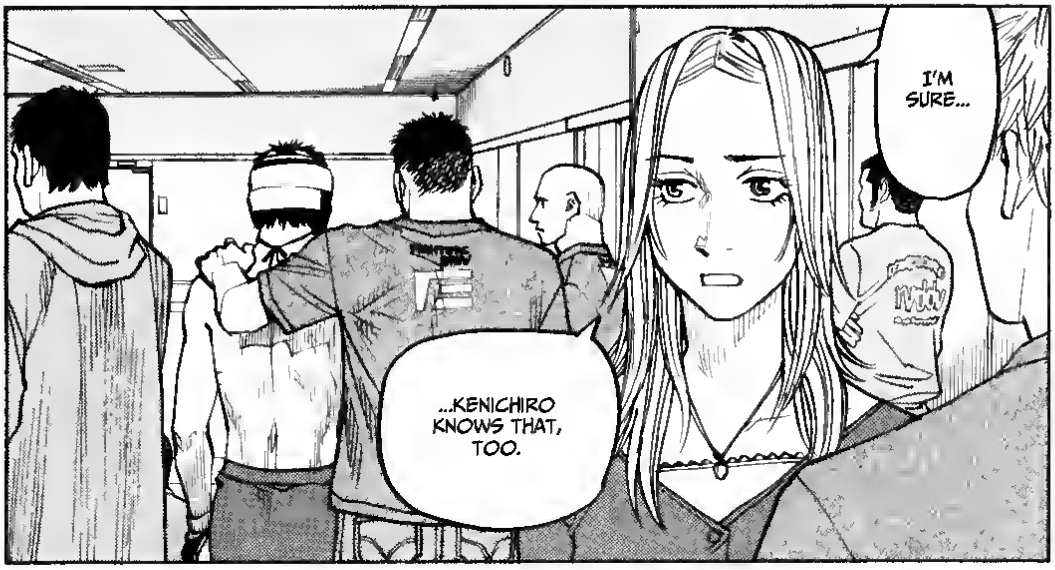
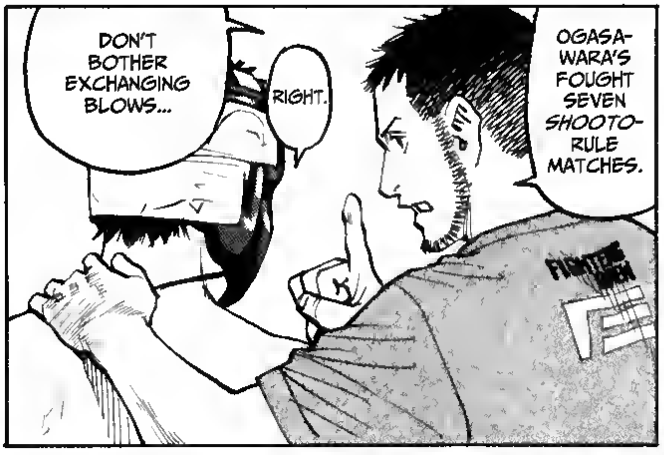
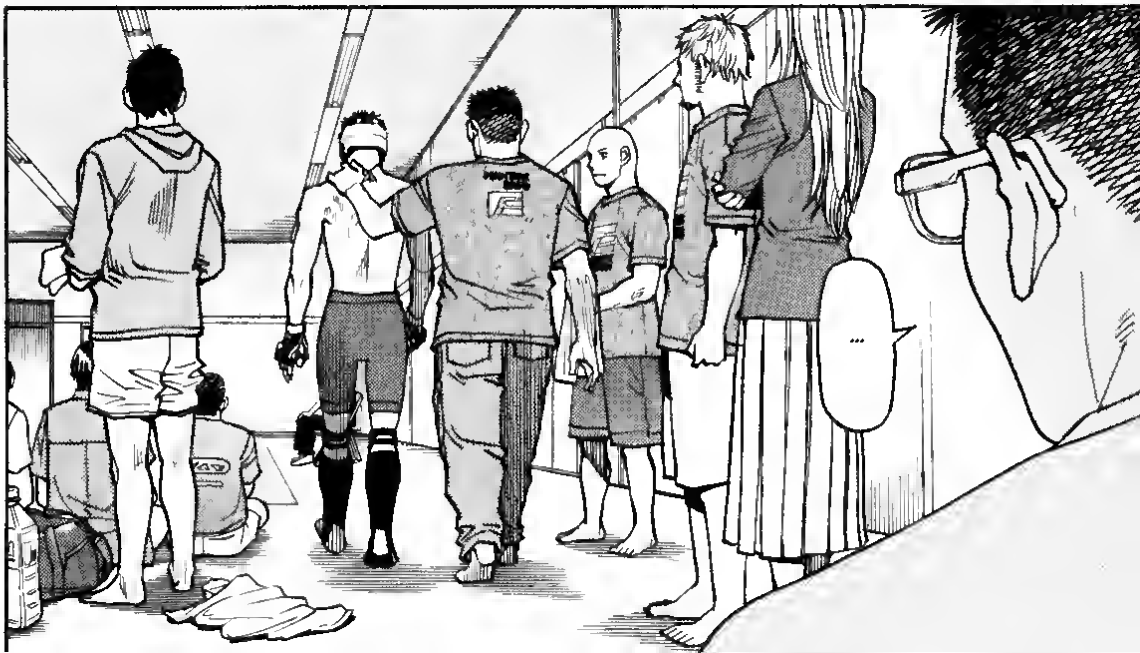

WHAT DID THE DOCTOR SAY?
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE BROKEN...
I'M CLEARED FOR THE NEXT MATCH.
...
TAKE, A WORD.

EVEN THOUGH HE'LL GO TO THE FINALS IF HE WINS THE NEXT ROUND?
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S TAKEN ANY DAMAGE TO THE HEAD...
TAKE...
HE CAN'T THROW A STRAIGHT RIGHT ANYMORE.
THERE'S ALSO THE DAMAGE FROM THOSE LEG KICKS IN ROUND ONE.
TELL KENICHIRO TO URGE HIM TO FORFEIT THE NEXT FIGHT.
HIS NEXT OPPONENT IS *TAKASHI YAMABUKI.*
THAT'S THE *LAST PERSON* HE SHOULD BE FIGHTING IN HIS CONDITION!
IF YUDAI CAN'T TAKE HIM DOWN FROM THE GET-GO...
...HE'LL SPEND THE WHOLE FOUR MINUTES...
...GETTING HIS RIGHT ARM DEMOLISHED BY THOSE LEFT MIDDLE KICKS.


I'M SURE...
...KENICHIRO KNOWS THAT, TOO.

GLANCE


DON'T BOTHER EXCHANGING BLOWS...
RIGHT.
OGASA-WARA'S FOUGHT SEVEN SHOOTO-RULE MATCHES.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Match 38!
Light-weight division, round two!
YEAH ?
AI-KAWA.
...TELL MEGURU ...
AFTER THIS MATCH IS OVER...

...NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME.
REFEREE
MEGURU! STAY STANDING THIS TIME!
DON'T LET HIM TAKE YOU DOWN!
GOT IT!
...
TELL HIM YOURSELF.
Jeez
UGH ...

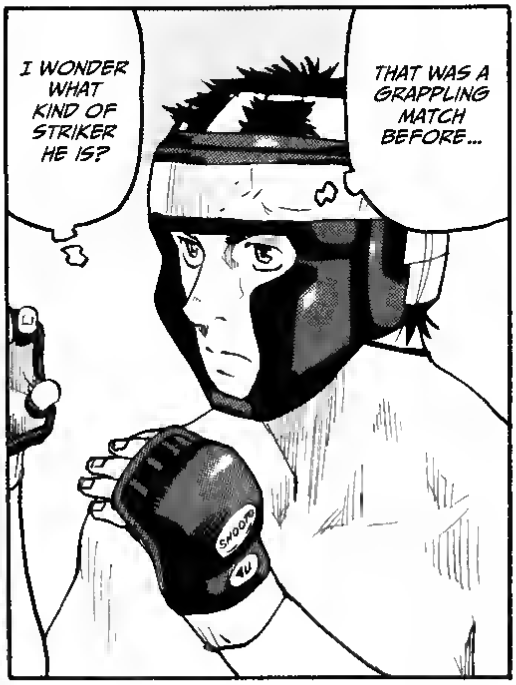
IS SHE THREATEN-ING ME?!
EH?!
YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T USE IT!
WHAT THE HECK ?!
THE LEFT MIDDLE KICK!
ME-GURU!

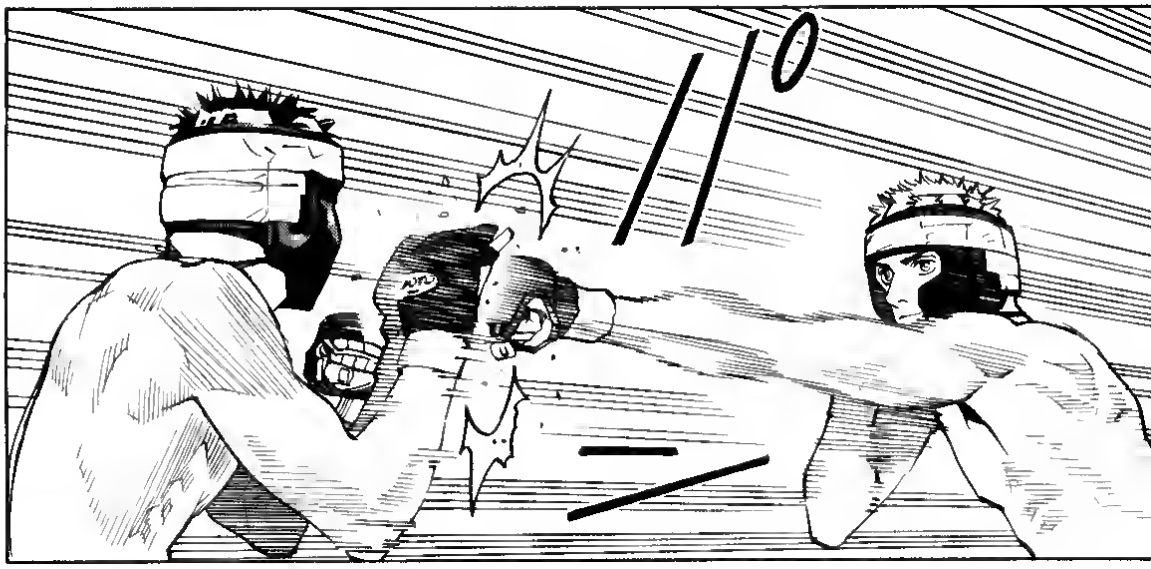
KIYOSHI!
YOU'D BETTER NOT LOSE TO THE SAME GUY TWICE!
I KNOW!

I DON'T CARE IF STRIKES ARE ALLOWED...
WHATEVER THE RULES, I'M GONNA FINISH THE MATCH WITH *JIU-JITSU*.

I'M GONNA TAKE HIM DOWN AND SUBMIT HIM...
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A *JIU-JITSUKA!*

FIGHT!


I WONDER WHAT KIND OF STRIKER HE IS?
THAT WAS A GRAPPLING MATCH BEFORE...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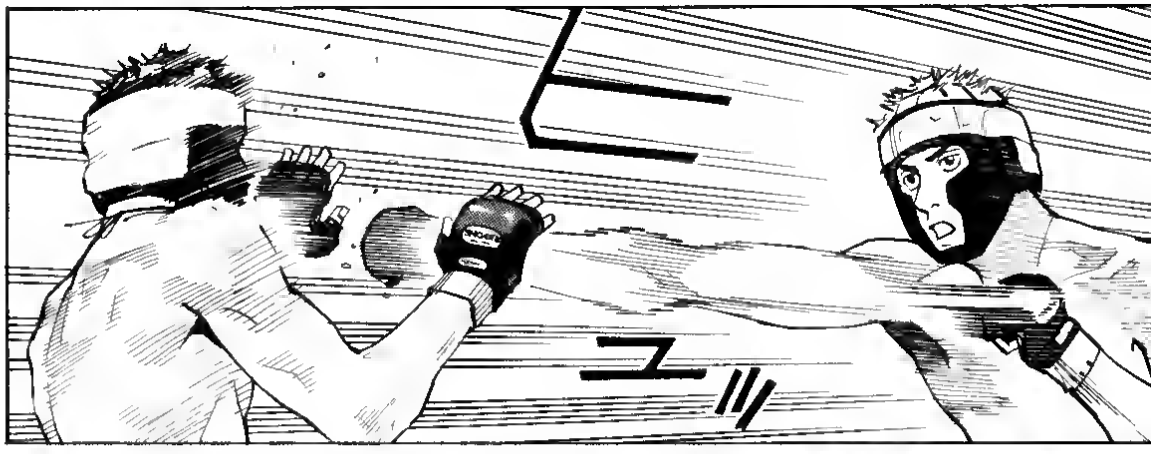
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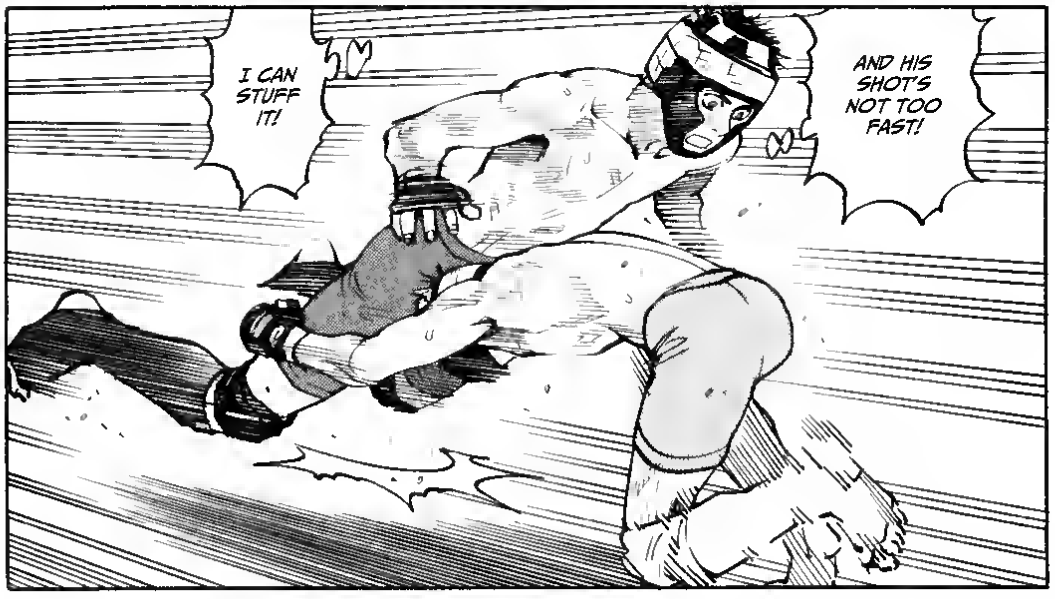
THAT'S BY THE BOOK!
HE SET THE TAKEDOWN UP WITH A ONE-TWO COMBO?!


I CAN STUFF IT!
AND HIS SHOT'S NOT TOO FAST!

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YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
HE'S GOT ME-GURU'S LEGS!
A DIVE ?!

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HE WASTED NO TIME!
That was supposed to be a lap takedown...
HE'S NOT EXACTLY GOOD AT TAKE-DOWNS...
HE SEEMS TO JUST BE TRYING TO GET ON TOP WHATEVER IT TAKES...
...
TOP.
SIDE MOUNT.
PIN!
GOOD! NOW TAKE IT SLOW, KIYOSHI!

MEGURU ...
SORRY ...
SMOOCH
...UNTIL I GET THE SUBMIS-SION.
BUT I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU UP...

POP
I'VE BEATEN HIM BEFORE..!
CALM DOWN!

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A GUILLO-TINE CHOKE?!
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CATCH!
YOU GOT A CATCH, KIYOSHI!
HE FLIPPED HIM RIGHT OVER...
HE'S DETER-MINED TO STAY ON TOP...
...
SHOOTO

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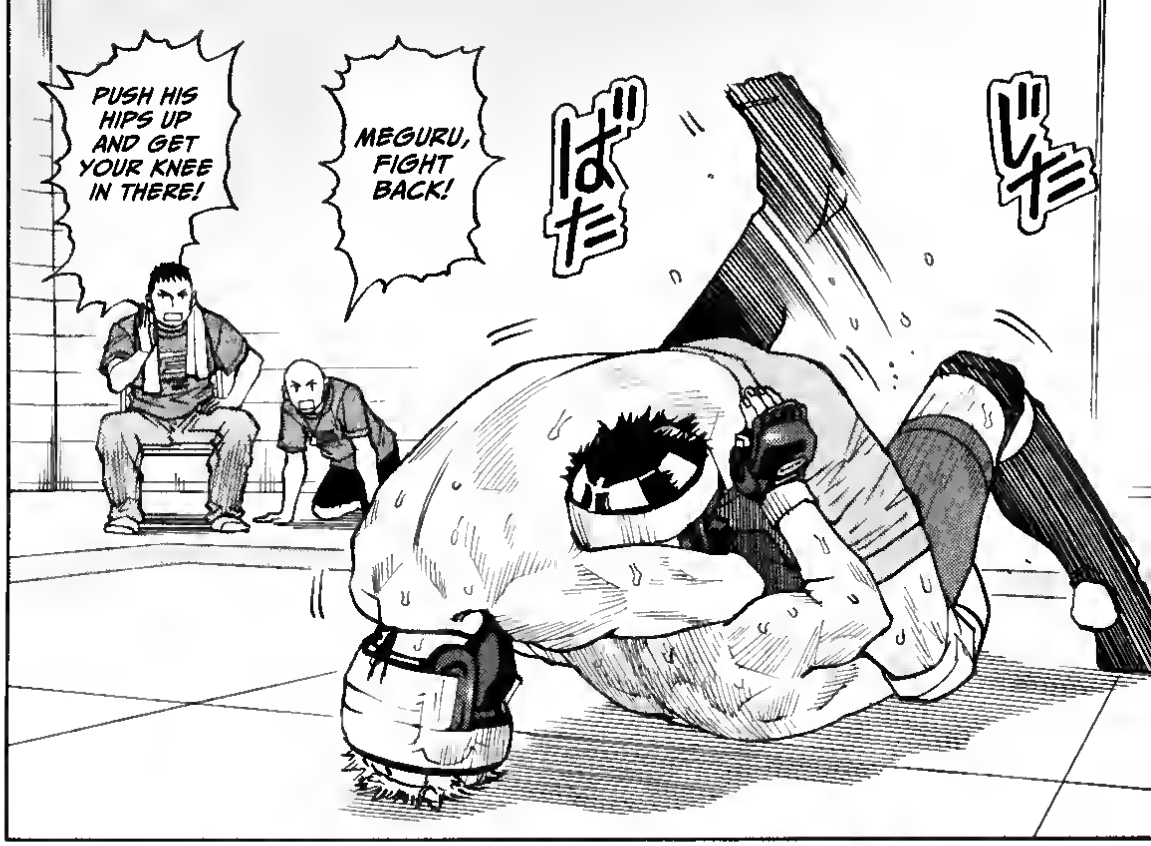
PUSH HIS HIPS UP AND GET YOUR KNEE IN THERE!
MEGURU, FIGHT BACK!
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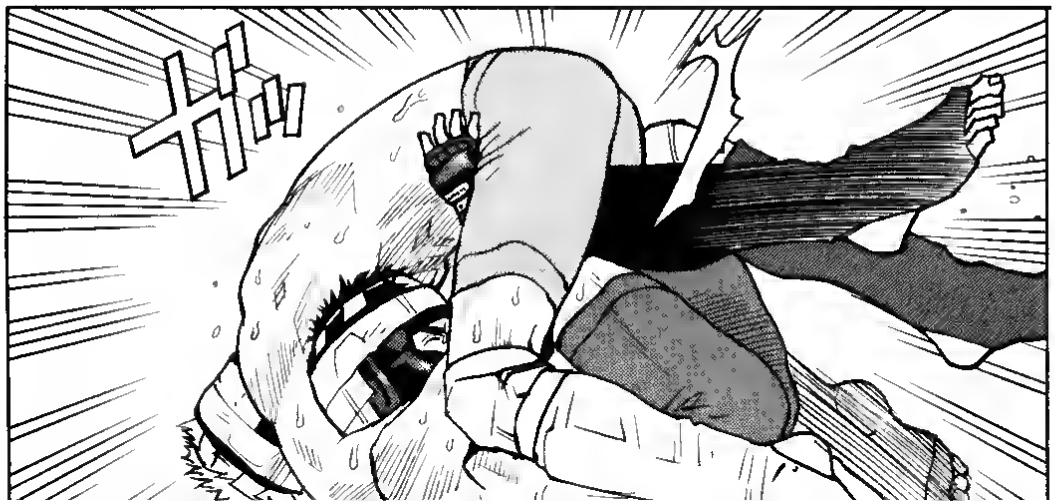
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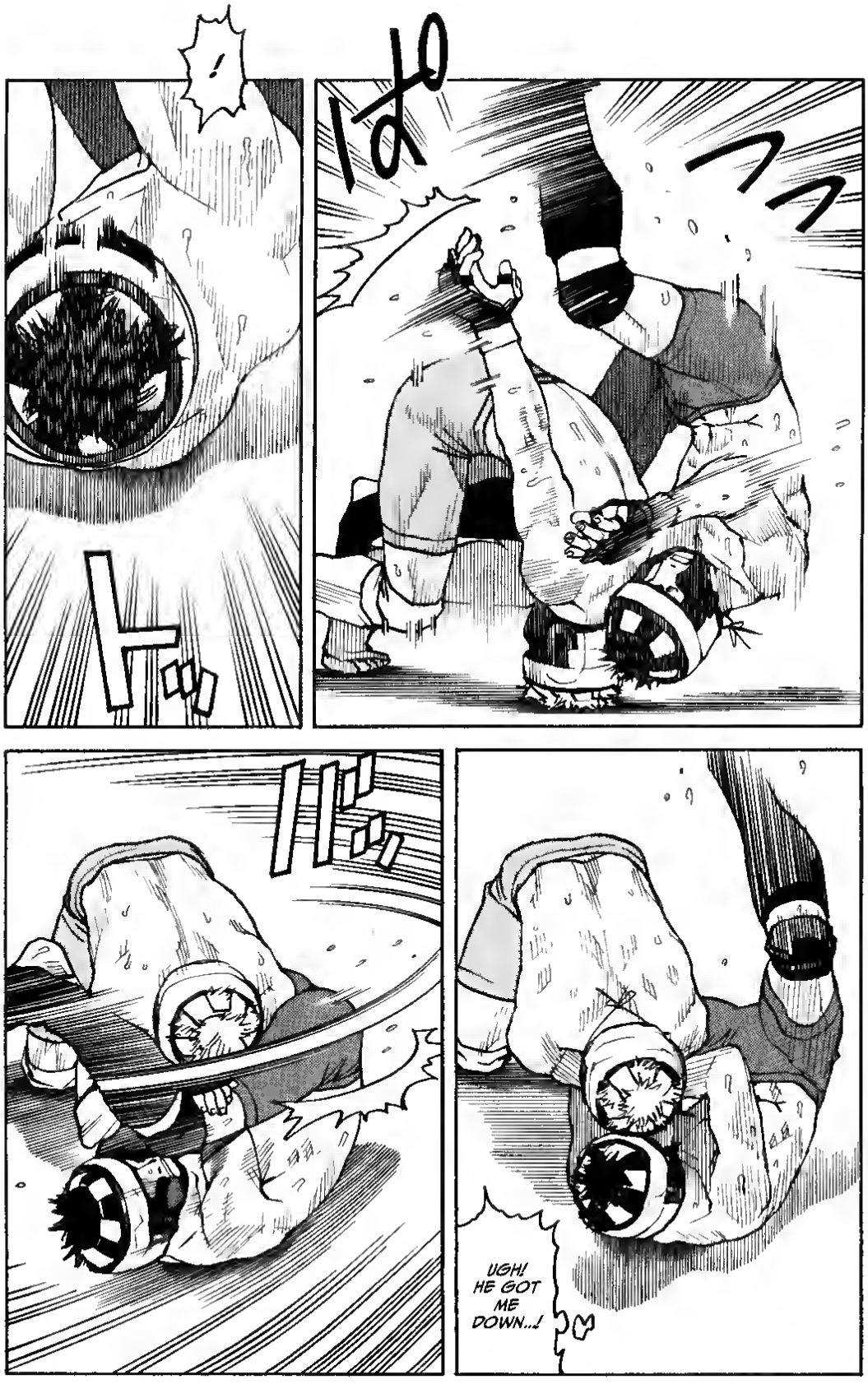
THAT'S IT! IF YOU CAN CREATE SPACE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FINISH THE CHOKE!
TCH!
HE PULLED OUT!
WHOA!
HE CAN AFFORD TO DO THAT BECAUSE HE'S ON TOP, SEE...
...TO CONSERVE ENERGY.
NO, IT'S MORE LIKE HE LET MEGURU GET OUT ON PURPOSE...

IF I COULD GET TO HALF GUARD...
CAN'T LET HIM GAIN FULL MOUNT!
HUH?
THAT WAS EASY...
I CAN DO THIS!
HUH? HIS ARM ...?

AN ARM DRAG ?!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UGH! HE GOT ME DOWN...!

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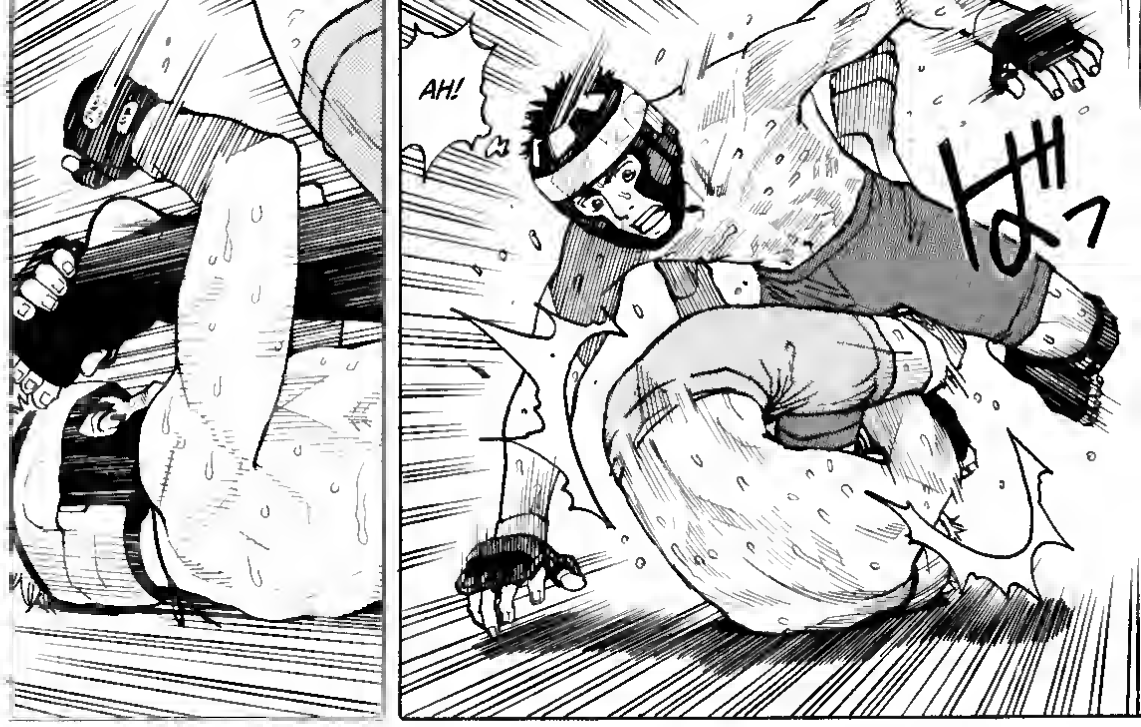
AND THEN I CAN GET ON HIS BACK!
ONE MORE TIME...
NOW FOR A SWITCH ...
GRAB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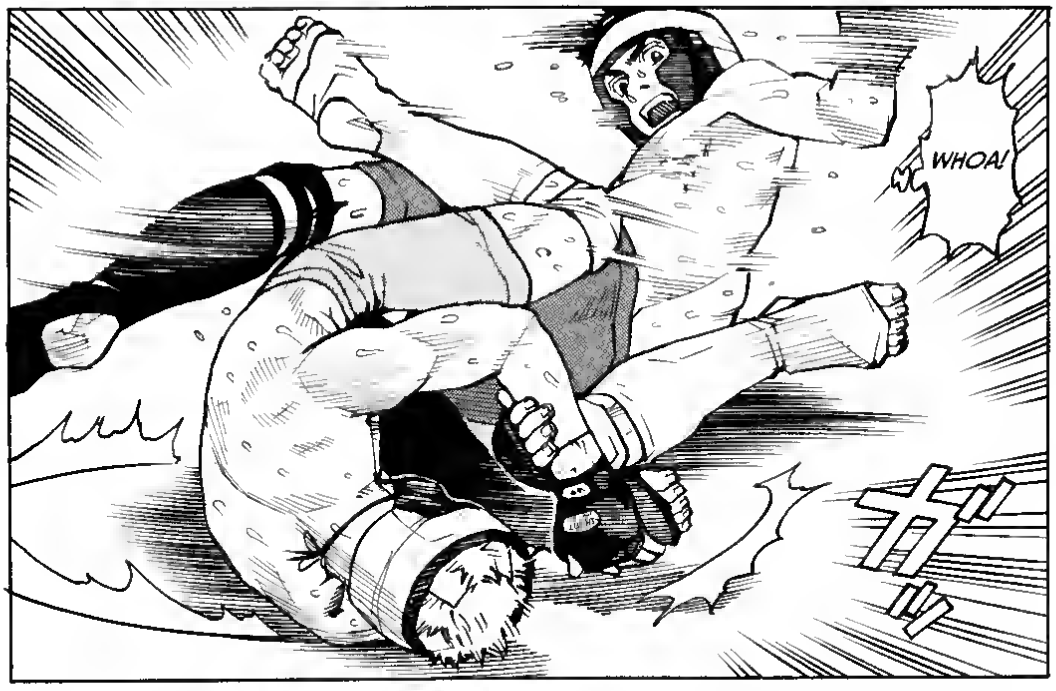
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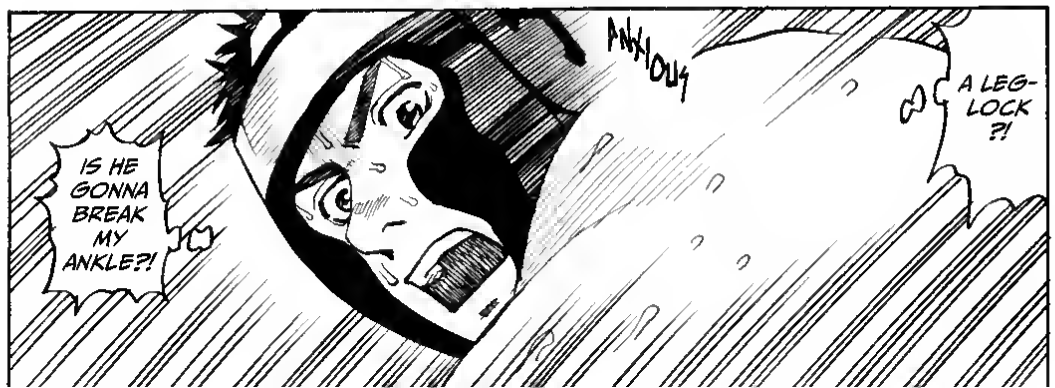
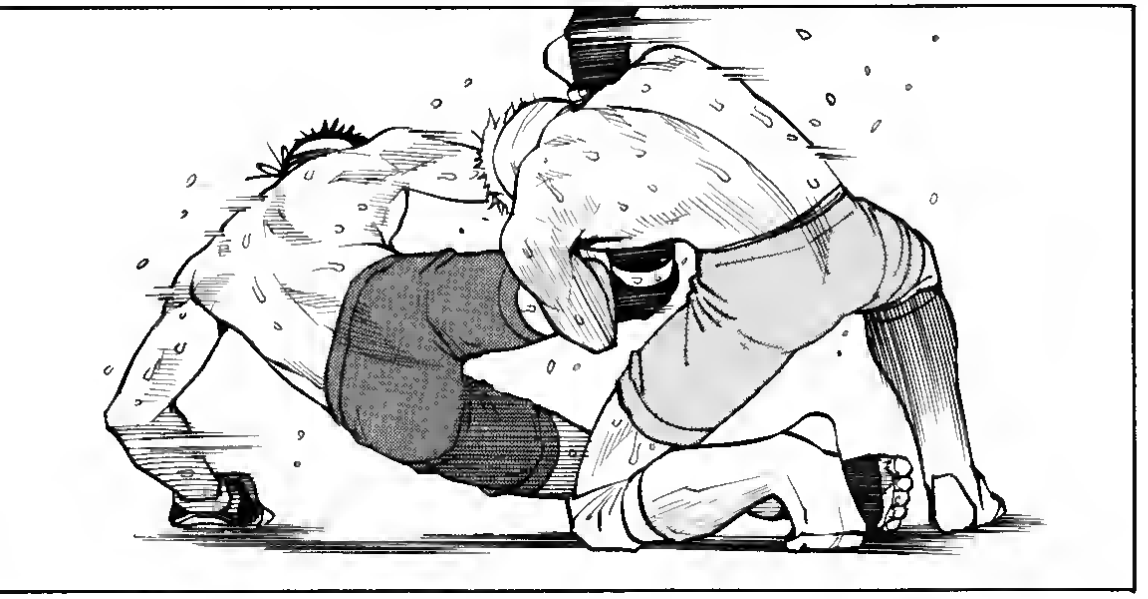
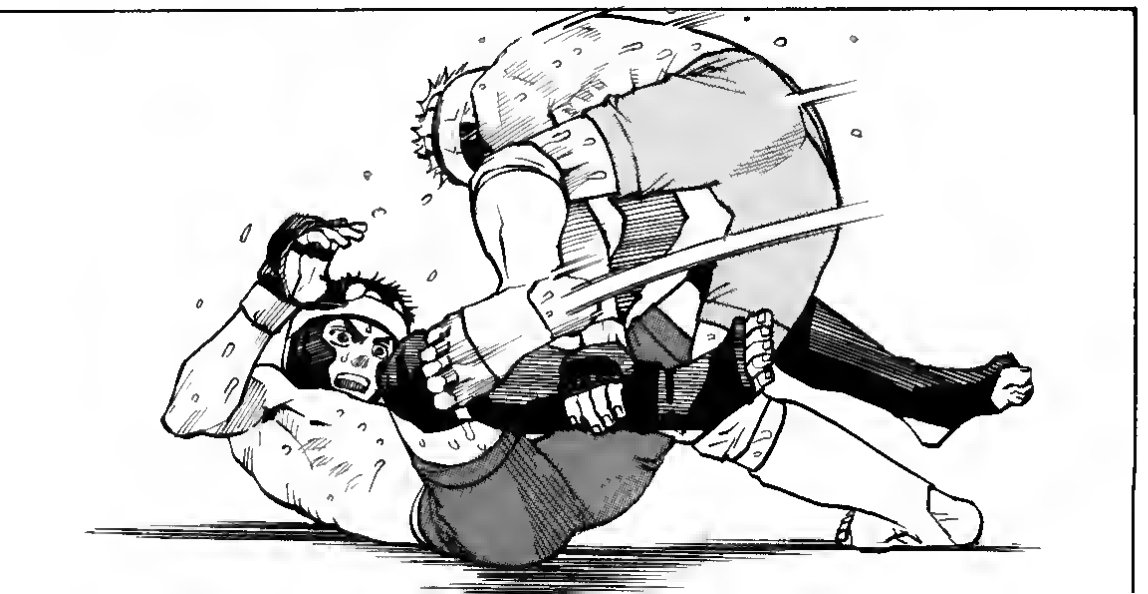
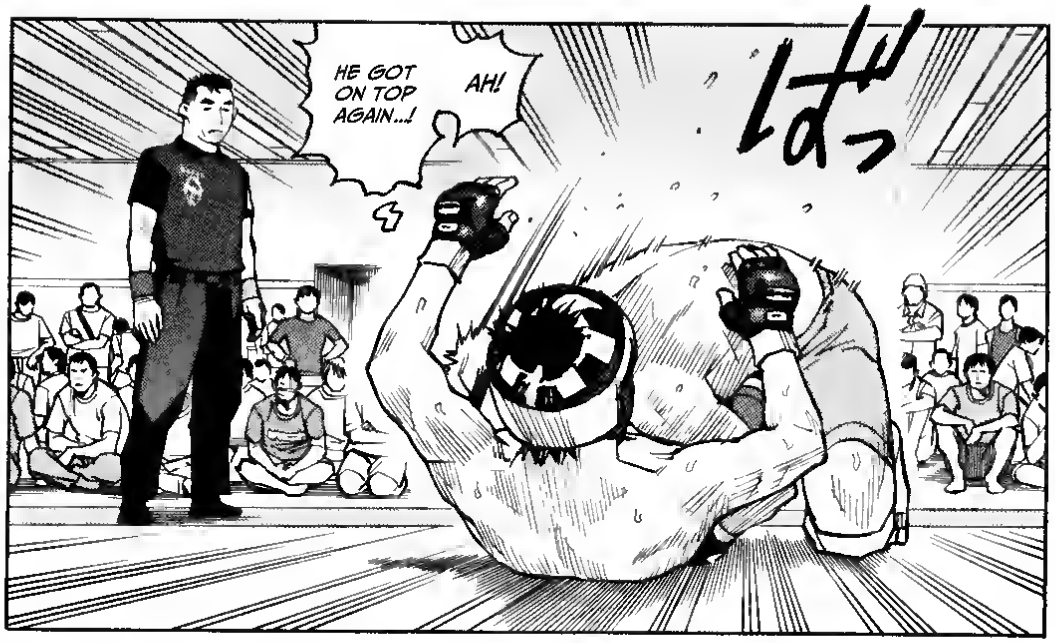

ANXIOUS
A LEG-LOCK ?!
IS HE GONNA BREAK MY ANKLE?!






HE GOT ON TOP AGAIN...!
AH!
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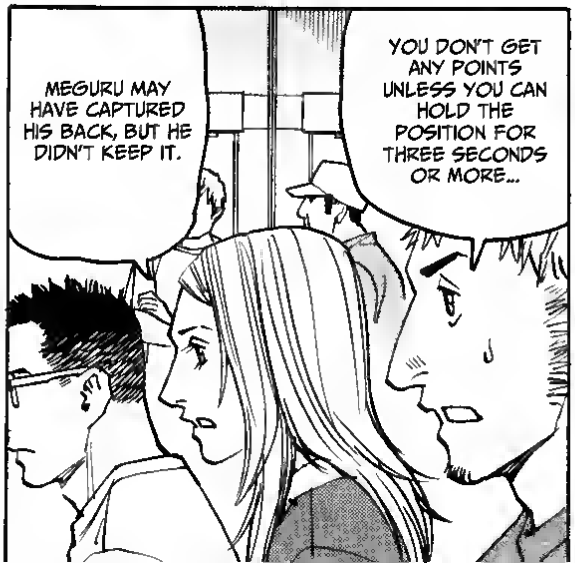
OGASAWARA'S THE ONE GETTING POINTS...
BUT...

TOP.
HALF GUARD.
PIN.


MEGURU MAY HAVE CAPTURED HIS BACK, BUT HE DIDN'T KEEP IT.
YOU DON'T GET ANY POINTS UNLESS YOU CAN HOLD THE POSITION FOR THREE SECONDS OR MORE...

COME ON! THEY ARE JUST GRAPPLING ON THE GROUND!
WOW!
THE LEGLOCK WAS JUST A FEINT TO GET ON TOP.

THAT BASTARD ...
SHIT!
OGASAWARA'S JUST TRYING TO WEAR MEGURU OUT!
I CAN BEAT HIM IN A GROUND BATTLE!
gasp
WE'RE LOCKED IN!
gasp
LET IT GO!
MEGURU! GET UP!
HE'S JUST PLAYING WITH YOU!
gasp
WHAT ?!
gasp
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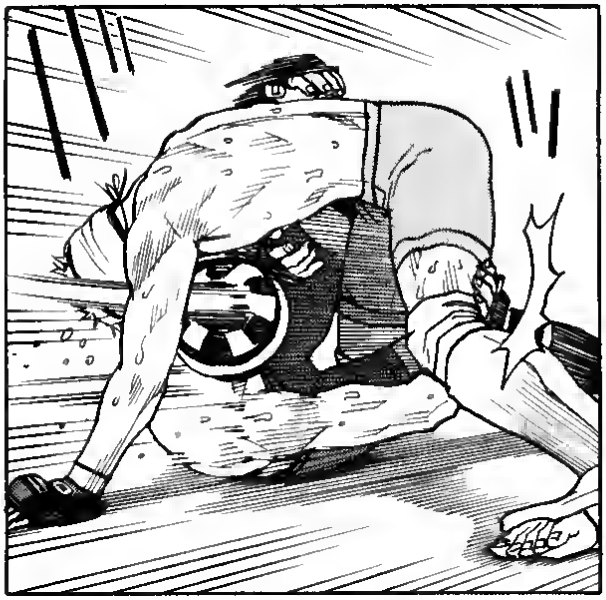
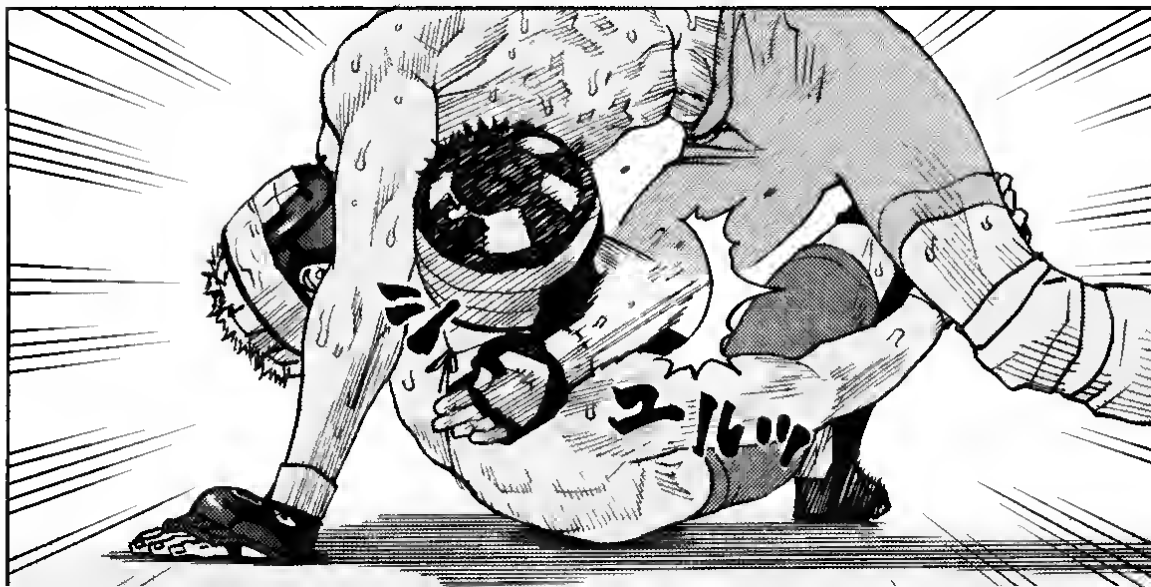
...BUT IT'S TOO LATE,
MEGURU!
YOU MAY HAVE TWIGGED TO IT NOW...



I GOT AN UNDER-HOOK!
IF I CAN JUST SLIP IN AND SWEEP HIS LEG...



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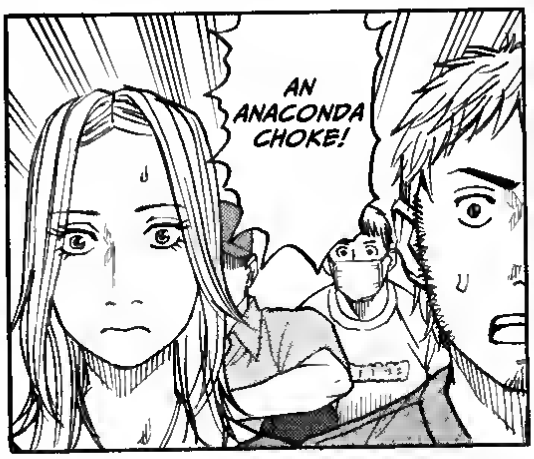
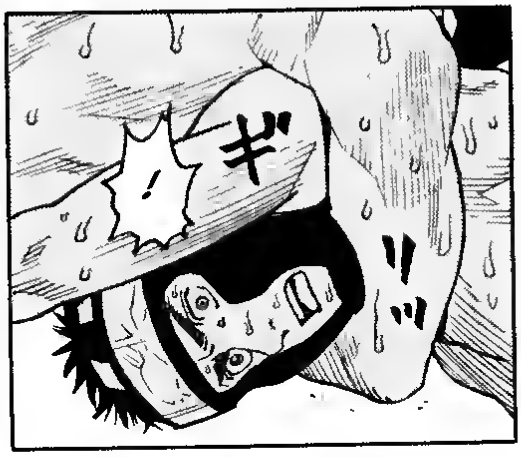

AN ANACONDA CHOKE!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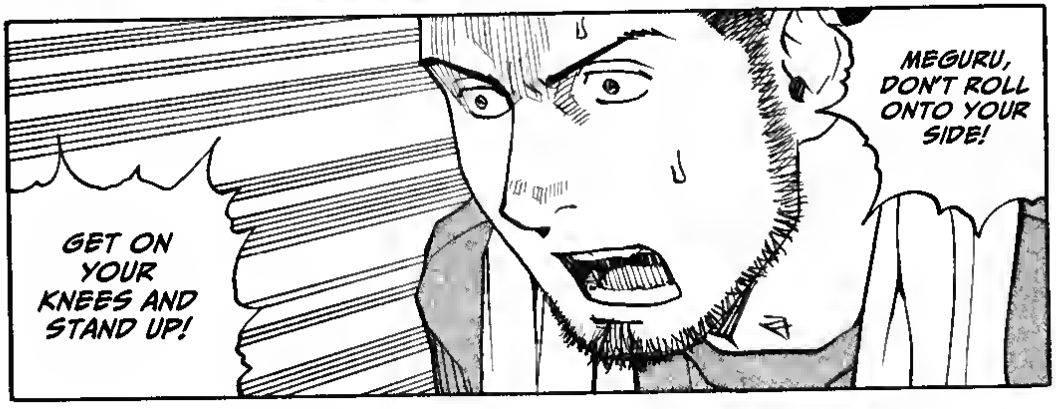
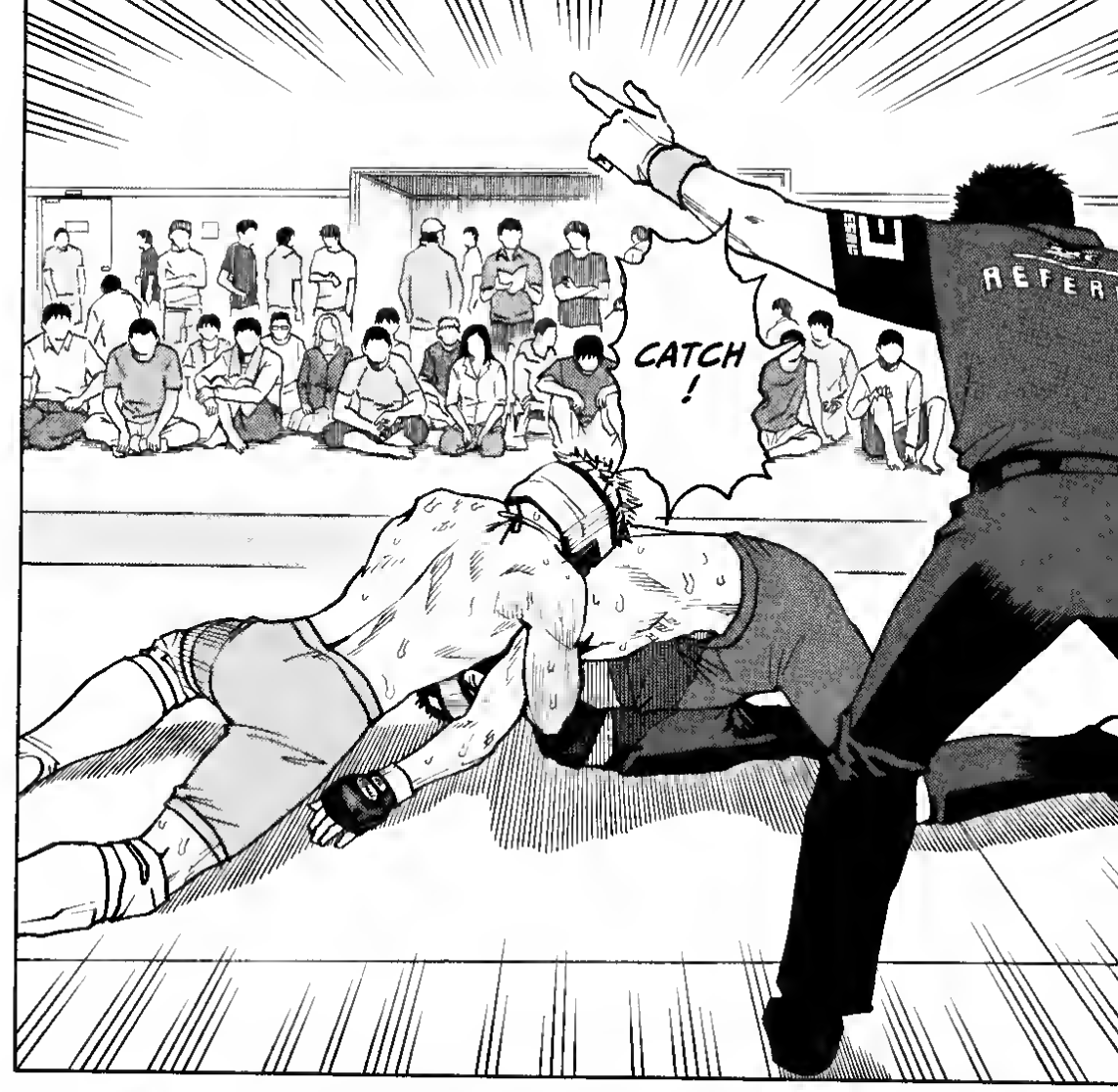

MEGURU, DON'T ROLL ONTO YOUR SIDE!
GET ON YOUR KNEES AND STAND UP!


CATCH
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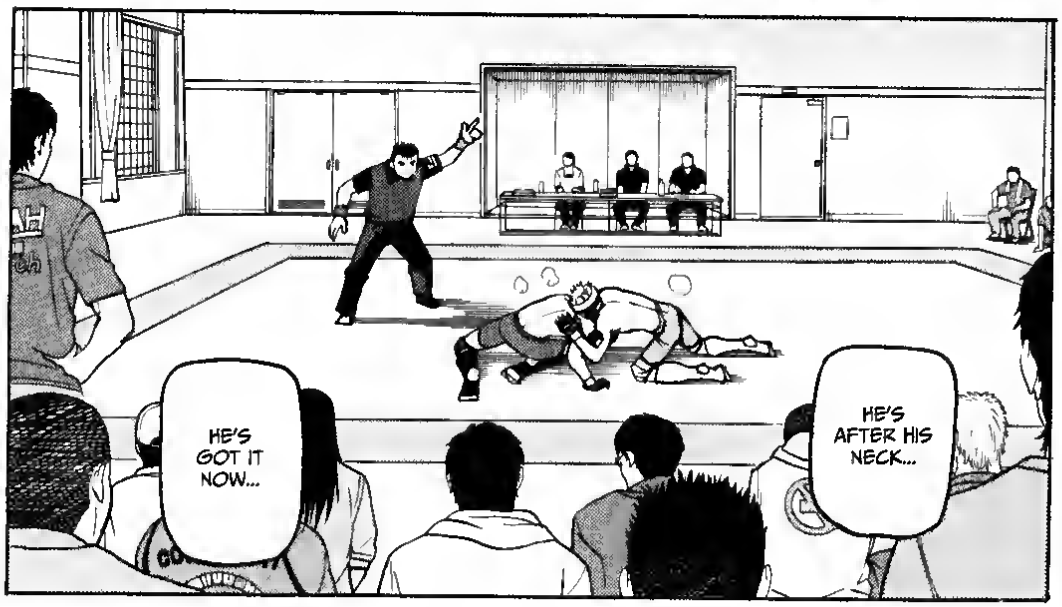
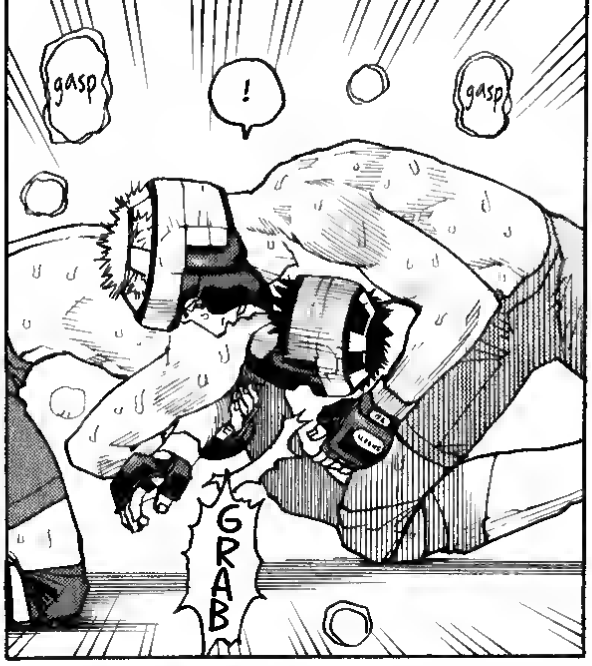

HE'S GOT IT NOW...
HE'S AFTER HIS NECK...

KIYOSHI, PLAY-TIME'S OVER!
TWO MINUTES LEFT!
FINISH HIM!
FIGHT, MEGURU!
GET YOUR ARMS DOWN!
"WHEN YOU STAND, GET UNDERHOOKS ON YOUR OPPONENT SO HE CAN'T COME AROUND BEHIND YOU."
ALL HIS COUNTERS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THIS THEORY IN MIND.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE PUR-POSELY LEFT HIS SIDES OPEN TO DRAW MEGURU IN.
EVERYTHING HE'S DONE MUST HAVE BEEN A TRAP TO WEAR MEGURU OUT.
WITH THAT IN MIND...
BUT STILL...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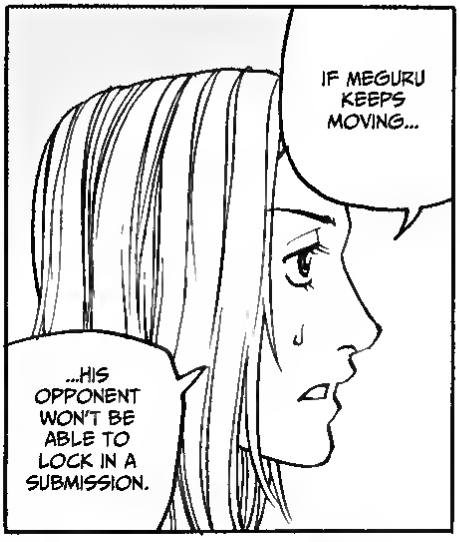
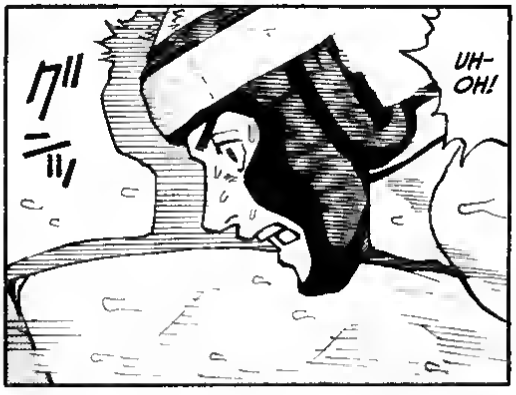
GRAB


IF MEGURU KEEPS MOVING...
...HIS OPPONENT WON'T BE ABLE TO LOCK IN A SUBMISSION.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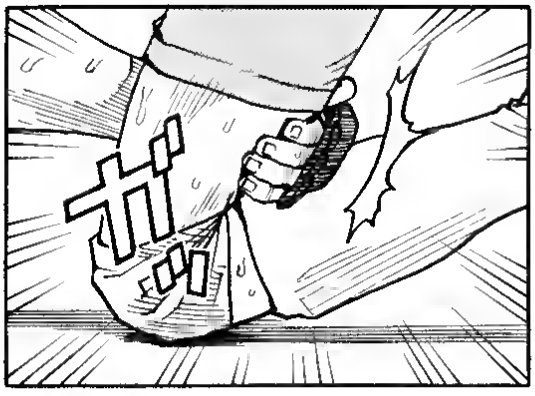

GET ON TOP, MEGURU!
HE WENT FOR A SINGLE LEG?!
NOT SO FAST, MY FRIEND!
I'M ON TOP!

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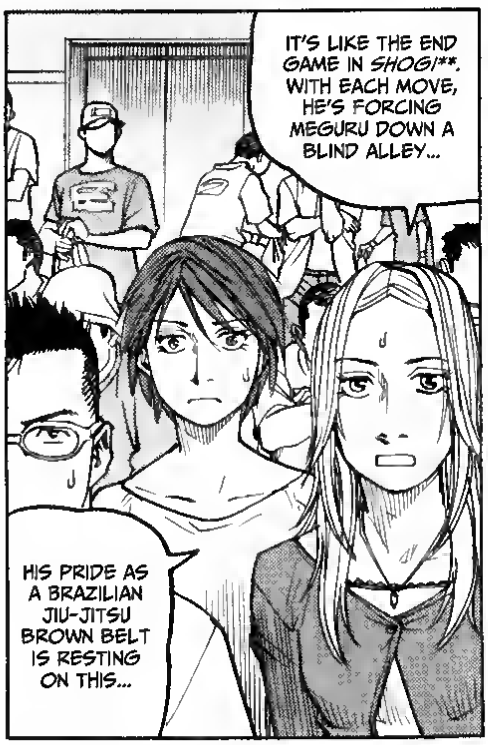
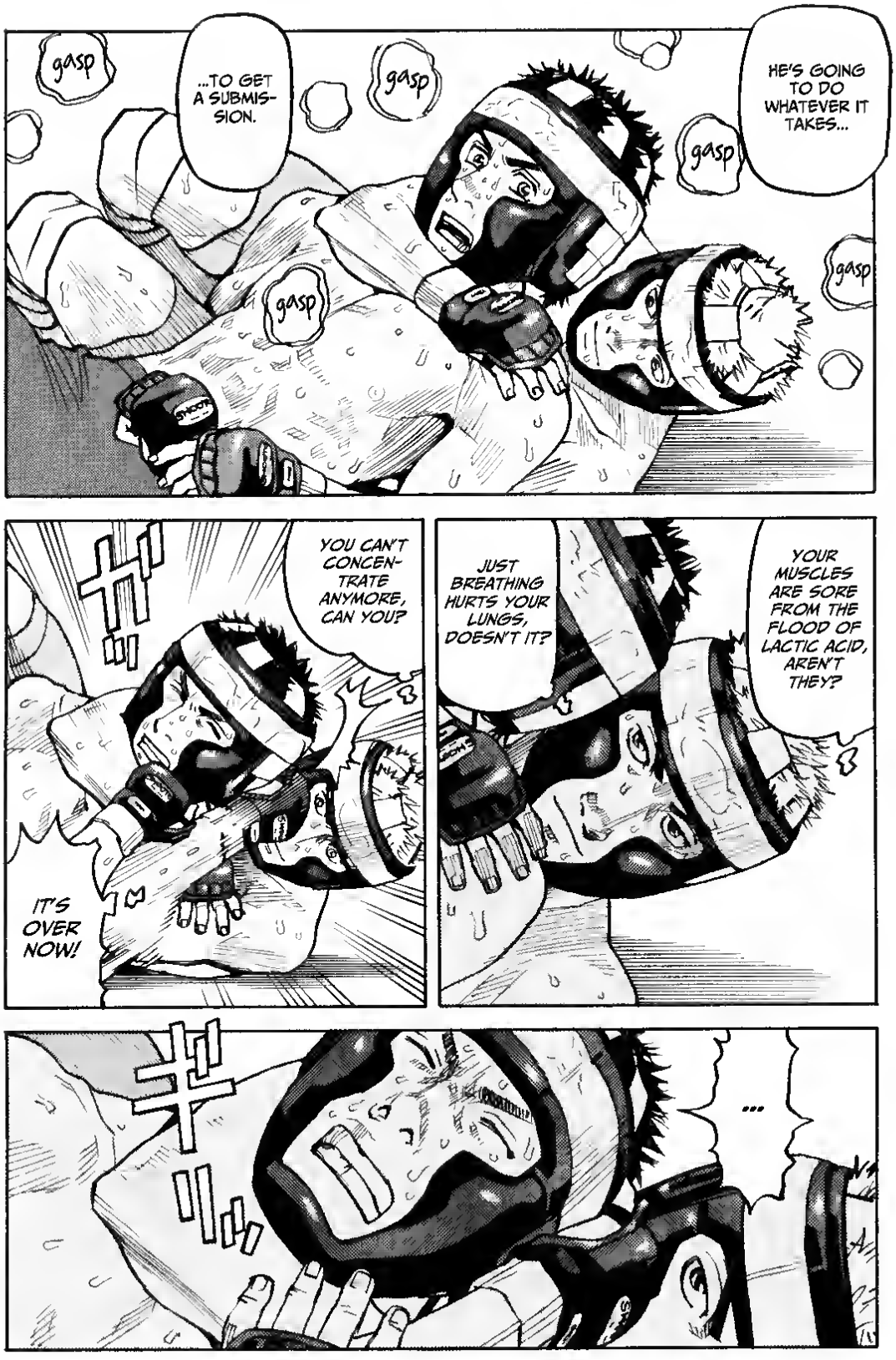

IT'S LIKE THE END GAME IN SHOGI**. WITH EACH MOVE, HE'S FORCING MEGURU DOWN A BLIND ALLEY...
HIS PRIDE AS A BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU BROWN BELT IS RESTING ON THIS...

*A FAVORITE MOVE OF 2002 SHOOTO LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION HIDEKI KADOWAKI, WHICH IS BASICALLY A REAR NAKED CHOKE FROM THE CRUCIFIX POSITION
**A JAPANESE BOARD GAME RESEMBLING CHESS.


gasp
...TO GET A SUBMIS-SION.
gasp
HE'S GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES...
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gasp
gasp
YOU CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE ANYMORE, CAN YOU?
IT'S OVER NOW!
JUST BREATHING HURTS YOUR LUNGS, DOESN'T IT?
YOUR MUSCLES ARE SORE FROM THE FLOOD OF LACTIC ACID, AREN'T THEY?
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WHAT
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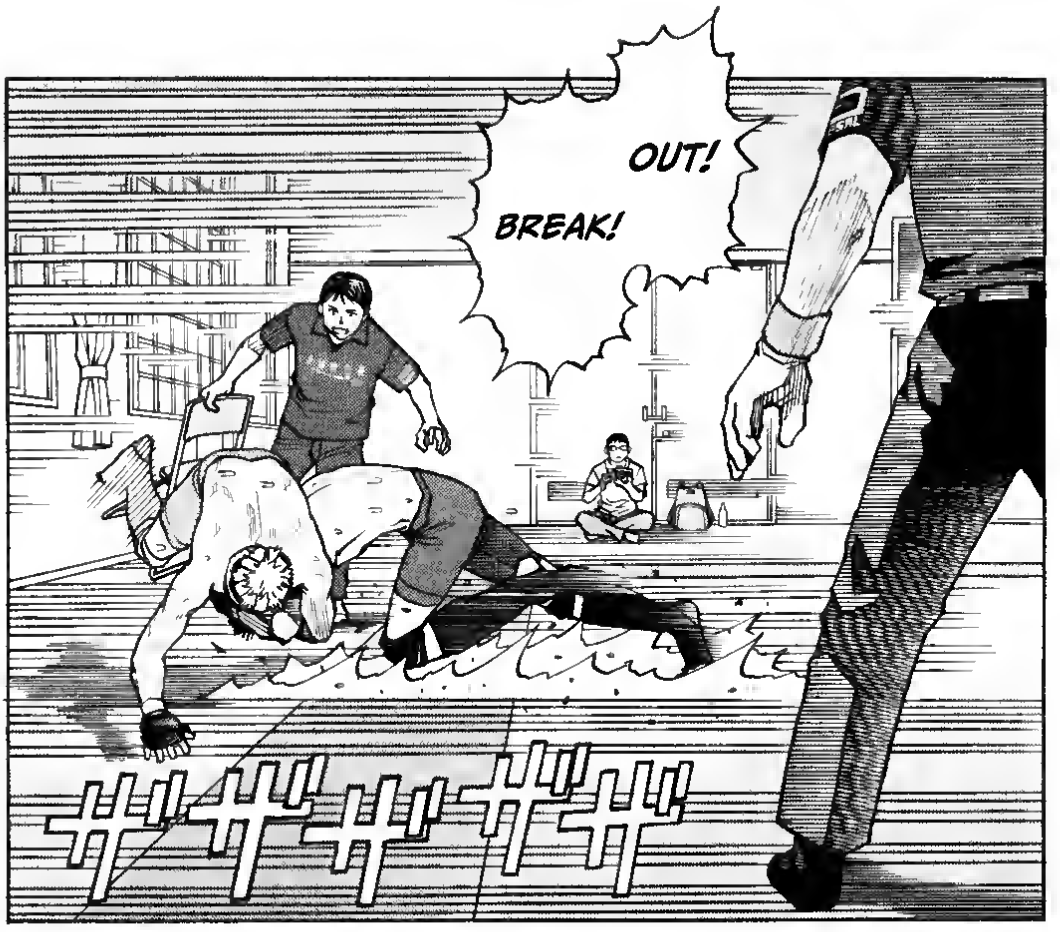
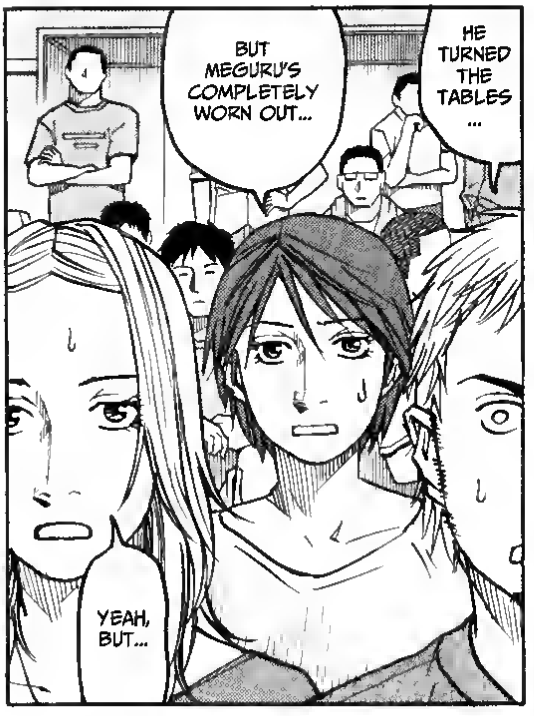
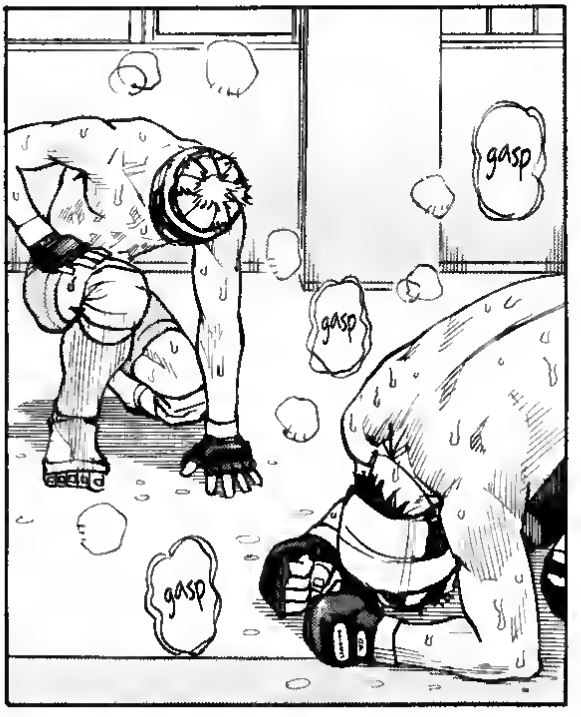
UGH!
JUST MOVE!
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WATA-NABE'S 84 KG...!
HE'S LIGHT!
BELIEVE THAT!


OUT!
BREAK!


BUT MEGURU'S COMPLETELY WORN OUT...
HE TURNED THE TABLES ...
YEAH, BUT...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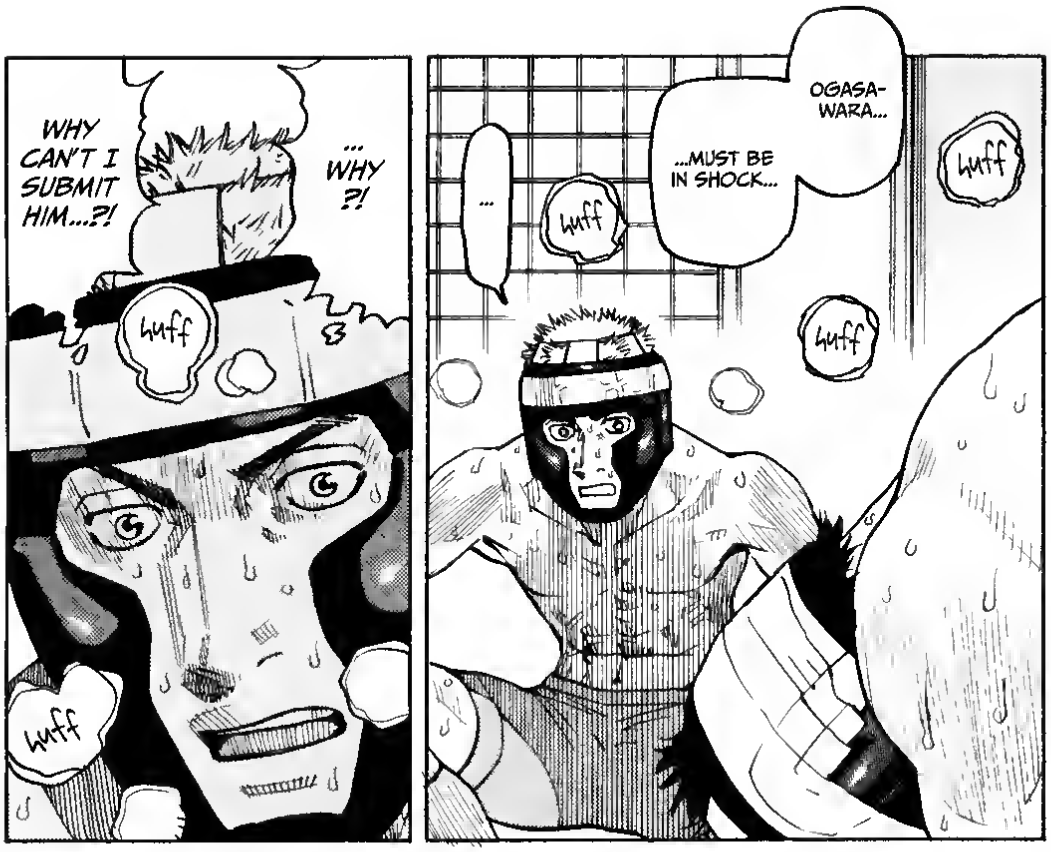

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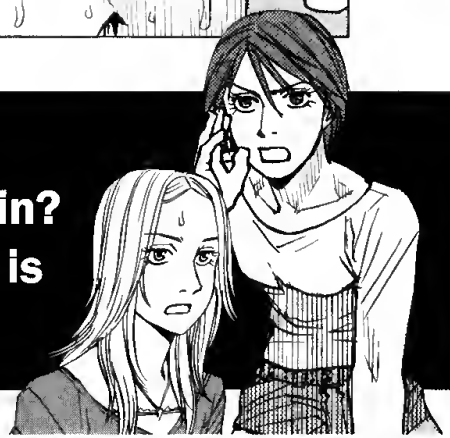
Why does Ogasawara want to win so badly? The truth comes out during the match.

Why does Meguru keep getting up again and again? The bond with his friends is what keeps him moving.



ALL ROUNDER MEGURU オールラウンダー廻（メグル）5

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